tems are in line with those prevailing in advanced countries, particularly European Community. For this purpose, expertise in upgradation of laboratories in certain selected sectors is being obtained by BIS and concerned agencies. The objective is to set up a few model laboratories of high standing through the assistance programme which could eventually be extended to cover the vast needs in the country.

Revamping, Expansion and Modernisation of Fertilizer Plants

1197. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Fertilizer Workers' Federation of India has urged the Central Government to undertake immediate revamping technological upgradation, expansion and modernisation of the old fertilizer plants in the country;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government propose to revamp the old fertilizer plants to increase the capacity utililsation in the fertilizer sector; and

(d) if so, to what extent?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMEN IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the Fertilizer Worker's Federation have confined their suggestions to revamping etc. of the plants of the Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation (HFC) and Fertilizer Corporation of India (FCI) only.

(b) to (d) Following steps have been taken/are proposed to be taken to improve the operation/efficiency of the plants of HFC and FCI.

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It is proposed to revamp Durgapur Barauni, Namrup-I and II operating units and also Haldia fertilizer project of Hindustan Fertilizer Corporation, the details of which are given below:—

Name of the Unit	Amount of Investment (Rs. crores)
(i) Durgapur . . .	35·66
(ii) Barauni . . .	26·65
(iii) Namrup-I . . .	9·10
(iv) Namrup-II . . .	26·43
(v) Haldia . . .	200·95

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(i) Revamping of Gorakhpur plant at a cost of Rs. 66.65 crores has been approved for revamping old urea plant and additions/replacements of critical equipments in the ammonta plant. However, work would be started only after the receipt of the report of health study of the plant currently being carried out by the Projects and Development India Limited.

(ii) Sindri Revamping Scheme for Sindri Modernisation plant, costing Rs. 18.00 crores, is currently under implementation.

(iii) It is proposed to undertake Phase-I of the rehabilitation, including captive power plant, for Ramagundam plant at an estimated cost of Rs. 102.31 crores.